

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 5, 1996

SUBJECT: **HB 2026 - SB 2067**

This bill, if enacted, deletes the Obion Forked Deer Basin Authority and creates the West Tennessee River Authority within the Department of Environment and Conservation and expands the jurisdiction of the Authority to include the Hatchie River Basin.

Effective July 1, 1996, if enacted, the responsibility for the management of the West Tennessee River Authority will transfer to the Department of Environment and Conservation. Incident thereof, all personnel, fees and appropriations associated with the authority will transfer.

The fiscal impact is estimated to be that \$1,153,100 will be re-directed from other programs within the Department of Environment and Conservation. There is also estimated to be a transfer of \$182,700 in departmental revenues and 11 position authorizations to be reorganized from the current Obion Forked Deer Authority into the Department of Environment and Conservation. Therefor, the total redirection of funds is estimated to be \$1,335,800. This redirection of funds is reflected in the Governor's 1996-97 Budget. In addition, four position authorizations are

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estimated to be reorganized to the Department of Environment and Conservation from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission.

The fiscal impact on local governments from enactment of this bill in and of itself is estimated to be minimal since the provisions of the bill are permissive.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to result in an increase in local government expenditures and a corresponding increase in state revenue to the Department of Environment and Conservation to the extent counties added to the membership of the authority levy certain taxes to raise funds for the operation of the Authority; however, such increase cannot be determined but is estimated to be not significant.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director